

**Friday 12 March 2021**

Dear Parents

## **COVID safety**

I would like to please remind parents that we do request wearing a mask when dropping off and collecting your child from School. We appreciate your consideration to this as we continue to protect our children, staff and parents during the pandemic. We do also ask that you maintain social distance and when your child has gone inside with their teacher that you vacate the area as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

## **Creative Wizz Kids Parent/Carer and Toddler Art Club**

From 23 April, afternoon half day parents and children may be interested in joining this art club taking place at JW3. The sessions are suitable for children aged 12 months to 3 years and each week art is explored through painting, sculpting and creating crafts.

Creative Wizz Kids also run a number of holiday clubs which may be of interest. Further details can be found on their website.

<http://creativewizzkids.com/>

We would like to wish all our mothers a very happy and special Mother's Day on Sunday.

## **Girls Football League Launch**

I am very happy to share the information below about a new girls' football team running locally from 1 May. Mrs Hirji, from Class 7, has started this initiative; if any parents are interested, contact details can be found below.



ST JOHNS WOOD  
**GIRLS**  
FOOTBALL CLUB

ST JOHNS WOOD FC  
S.J.W  
GIRLS

Launches 1st May

Ages 4yrs - 16yrs Every Saturday 10am - 12noon

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE MESSAGE/CALL  
JAMES 07935 11 22 02  
SHELINA 07825 39 96 10  
JACK 07444 43 83 79

Location  
REGENTS  
PARK

**SIGN UP TODAY!!**

## **Parents Evenings**

We hope that you have found the meetings with your child's teacher informative this week. We have appreciated the opportunity to share with how the children are all progressing at School. They are doing so well! We look forward to sharing some more photographs of their recent learning experiences with you in the next couple of weeks.

## Curriculum News from Miss Belzer

Children are naturally driven to become independent and being able to dress themselves is a key opportunity. Self-dressing is an important psychological and emotional milestone and also involves many skills. The feeling of accomplishment affects a child's self-esteem and confidence in a positive way and also lays the foundation for being able to tackle additional gross and fine motor challenges. Just as there is a variety of clothes to wear, there are a variety of skills a child needs to master when it comes to dressing themselves. These skills include:

**Gross Motor:** lifting arms and legs in specific coordinated motions into shirt sleeves and trouser legs as well as balancing to take off shoes. Spatial and body awareness is also developed.

**Fine Motor:** being able to use fingers to manipulate small objects including zippers, buttons, buckles, and laces.

**Cognitive:** being able to understand the sequence of putting on clothing and to think about how seasons and temperature affect what should be worn.

Before your child masters the art of dressing, you should expect them to undress first. This skill often occurs around eighteen months of age. However, a child may not take an interest in putting clothes on independently until they are about two and a half to three years old. During the initial stages of learning to get dressed, it is important to be patient and build in additional time into your routine. Supporting your child's newfound progression will enable them to show pride in their new skills and build enjoyment in choosing clothes that show off their personality. When teaching your child to dress themselves, an ideal tip to accomplish this is to let your child complete the last step of the task by themselves. For example, you may help your child to get their arms into both arm holes of their top and help them to pull it over their head. Then let them pull the top down over their belly without your help. This allows them to finish the task alone, which will support their sense of achievement. Once they have mastered the last step of pulling their top down, teach them the second to last step, putting it over their head. Finally, have your child lay their clothing on their bed, front-side down, so they can put it on easily without putting it on backwards.

**Miss Belzer**

## Diary Dates:

### Term Dates:

End of Term:  
Wednesday 31 March

Summer Term Starts:  
Tuesday 20 April



## **Class 6 News**

Class 6 have had a wonderful week. We really enjoyed being mini scientists in our Science Laboratory role play area where we have been mixing together magic potions to give us special 'super powers'. We especially loved the whole class experiments where we used shaving foam and food dye to make rain clouds and we watched celery in food dye turn different colours over the course of the week.

In phonics we have been practising our blending skills by using our robot arms and focusing on our letter formation by drawing different sounds in the sand. In maths, we have been exploring number bonds to ten and we used Numicon to see how many ways we could make ten. We also had great fun playing number bingo.

For Literacy we read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with an exciting Who Wants to be a Millionaire style quiz following after. To continue on our environmental topic, we have been talking about how we can do our part to look after the environment and how we can recycle.

In P.E., we have had fun exploring different dance moves and joining them together to make movement. We are looking to developing our dance moves next week!

We have had a lovely time talking about all the kind things our mummies do for us and making a Mother's Day craft for Sunday.

We are looking forward to our learning and our science experiments next week.

**Miss Clarkson**

## Class 6 Photo Gallery

